

August 18, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, August 25, 2005, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft June 30, 2005 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the June 30, 2005 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

3. For information and discussion.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.\* Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Final Year End Closeout

On July 27, 2005, the MAG Regional Council approved the final close out of the FFY 2005 MAG Federally funded program. Following passage of SAFETEA-LU and recent actions regarding the availability of FFY 2005 close out funds to the region, members will be provided a list at the meeting that shows the projects that are expected to utilize the funds available.

6. For information and discussion.

7.\* Approval of the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

On July 25, 2005, the Regional Council approved the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP. It has been sent to the ADOT Director for approval and for incorporation into the FY 2006-2008/9 State TIP. Concurrently, a copy of the air quality conformity analysis has been sent to the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations for approval. When these approvals have been granted, final copies of the TIP will be distributed to all member agencies.

8.\* Programming the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The 07-11 TIP Guidance Report (TGR) was accepted by the Regional Council on July 27, 2005. It contained a timetable for development of the 07-11 TIP and estimates of federal funds that are expected to be available. The financial analysis of SAFETEA-LU is underway and further details will be provided to members as soon as they are available. However, even though the funds available during ALL years of the TIP, are expected to increase, it is proposed to restrict programming of the new funds expected to be available to FY 2011 at this stage. Estimates of these new funds, for FY 2011 are shown in Attachment One. Members will have the opportunity to discuss possible workable alternatives for programming the additional funds expected during ALL years of the TIP. Members are reminded that their agencies' applications for FY 2011 funds should be submitted by September 2, 2005.

9.\* System Performance Information

At the request of a member of the legislature, MAG Staff has assembled information on the number of lane-miles of freeway completed since 1985 and the projected number of miles to be completed over the next 20 years. This information is shown in Attachment Two.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

Another part of the request was for historical and projected travel time information for select jurisdictions in the MAG Region. Travel times for 1986, 1993, and 2002 from travel speed survey data were put together with the MAG model projections of travel time for 2015 and 2026. Seven city pairs were included since data for each of the seven was available from the historical survey information. The travel times are for travel between the central business districts (downtowns) of each jurisdiction. The charts displaying the information are provided in Attachment Two.

#### ITEMS TO BE HEARD

10. Amendments/Administrative Adjustments to the FY 06-10 TIP.

A new TIP is usually developed each year. Through the term of the TIP, modifications and amendments are usually needed to reflect revised project information, such as the schedule or budget. Depending on the proposed modification and the project details, either an Amendment or an Administrative Adjustment is carried out to formally achieve the change(s) desired. The FY 04-07 TIP was approved in November 2003 and has undergone 10 modifications. It is being proposed that TIP changes be accepted twice each year. Attachment Three includes a proposed schedule that shows a possible time line. Members will be asked to comment on the time line, and to recommend that the process be forwarded for formal approval.

11. Revised ADOT Noise Abatement Policy

ADOT is in the process of revising the Noise Abatement Policy that provides the guidelines to determine the need, feasibility, and

10. For information, discussion and possible recommendation of a formal process for implementing Amendments and/or Administrative Adjustments to the TIP.

11. For information and discussion.

responsibility of noise abatement and reduction measures on state highway projects. The February 2005 Draft of the revised policy was sent to members of the Transportation Review Committee on April 20, 2005 for review and comment. The version of the noise policy in Attachment Four is the same one that was sent out via e-mail to MAG members in April for comment. ADOT received comments from Chandler and Mesa, however, any changes to the policy based on these comments have not been incorporated as yet. ADOT will present the Noise Abatement Policy, and the TRC members are asked to provide any further comments before the policy is adopted by the State Transportation Board this year.

12. Red Mountain Freeway Construction Schedule Update

ADOT Staff will provide an update of the freeway construction schedule and possible delays for the Red Mountain Freeway (Loop 202), for the segment between Power road and University Drive.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information, discussion and possible action.

13. For information and discussion.